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FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Reference report of SA [redacted] on 4-[illegible]-4[illegible].

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A review of the St. Louis file regarding captioned organization indicates that the only activity of note subsequent to the submission of referenced report to date was a meeting of the "Committee for the Employment of Negro Streetcar and Bus Operators", in which the subject organization was a part as reported by [redacted] to SA [redacted] meeting, [redacted] was held at the Colored YWCA, Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri on August 1[illegible], 1947. Sixteen Negroes and three white persons attended. PAULINE MURPHY, who was characterized in reference report, opened the meeting. The business taken up was a discussion of a visit to the personnel department of the Public Service Company in St. Louis made by members of this committee on July 19, 1947, at which nothing had been accomplished. Thereafter, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] was moving the furniture out of the offices occupied by the subject organization, Room 317 at 11 North Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, and that it appeared he would have to pay the September, 1947 rent but that he was going to try to get out of paying the October rent.

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[redacted]

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on December 16, 1948 that he had formerly been a member of subject organization but that he was not aware of any activity on its part since the late fall of 1947. He was of the opinion that subject organization ceased to exist in St. Louis, Missouri.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] substantially the same information as received from [redacted] on the same date.

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on March 24, 1949 that he was aware of no activity on the part of subject organization since the fall of 1947, and that he was of the opinion that the organization no

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longer exists.

[redacted] advised [redacted] on March 24, 1949 that the furniture of subject organization was moved from its offices at 11 N. Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, to Communist Party Headquarters, 1041a N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, sometime during September, 1947, and that said furniture remained there approximately two weeks after which it disappeared. This Informant has no information concerning the activity of the organization since that time and was of the opinion that it no longer exists. b7C,D

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that she had received information from the National Office of the NAACP that subject national organization was merged with the National Civil Rights Congress in November, 1947. b7C,D

Inasmuch as it appears subject organization no longer exists in St. Louis, Missouri, this case is considered RUC.

Director, FBI August 9, 1951

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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Re New Haven tel August 6, last.

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A pretext phone call to Mrs. EDGAR GEORGE BROWN disclosed that the National Negro Council is still functioning as such with headquarters at 1717 Euclid Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. EDGAR BROWN is still the director of this organization and is presently according to Mrs. BROWN enroute to Chicago.

Files NO disclosed that BROWN as director of National Negro Council (not to be confused with the National Negro Congress) has directed his energies chiefly to bringing pressure on Congress in regard to legislation affecting negroes.

The Pittsburgh COURIER, Washington Edition, carried an article on March 24, 1949, pertaining to a drive then being launched to aid the President's civil rights program. This article indicated that BROWN was to speak on the subject "The Filibuster and Where the Thirteen Million Negroes Go from Here on the President's Civil Rights Program". The article indicated that the National Negro Council was attempting to secure one hundred thousand signatures to support a drive for the passage of the entire civil rights program.

An article by LEM GRAVES, Jr., Correspondent for the Pittsburgh Courier appeared in the Courier April 3, 1949, which is quoted as follows:

> "Let's get the record straight. Mr. BROWN conducts a one-man, letterhead lobby out of his brief case. He does not have 2,000,000 'members' or even 200 in the dictionary sense of that word. He may or may not, depending on his actions in any particular case, represent the unexpressed opinions of several million Negroes just as any other leader sometimes does. These people are not bona fide 'members' of the National Negro Council.

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"Mr. BRO N circularizes petitions with abandon and sometimes comes up with several thousand signatures which are exaggerated into 'millions'. He conducts church meetings, lobbying demonstrations, forums and other assemblages at which some funds are often collected.

"Mr. BRO N is resourceful and uninhibited and his lobbying activities sometimes get good results, invariably get good publicity. He is tirelessly energetic, is imaginative and is possessed with a liberal sprinkling of courage and 'guts' ... He irritates a lot of people, most of whom need some irritation. He exercises some influence though, as in most 'influence' circles, not as much as the 'influencer' would like to believe. He just doesn't have 2,000,000 'members ' in his organization."

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_____ Information on membership in the National Negro Congress.

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to the United Nations

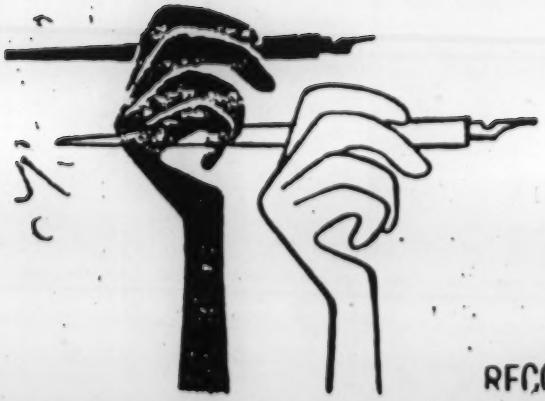
on behalf of 13 million

oppressed Negro citizens

of the

United States

of America



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FOREWORD

For more than three centuries the Negro people have worked to build nerica into a great nation. We have fought to preserve the unity of our ntry within, and to defend it from enemies without. And when the fascist emies of all mankind recently threatened to over-run the whole world, we ned hands with our countrymen and with freedom-loving peoples of other ds to crush the fascist monster and to lay the basis for a genuine "Parliant of Man," the United Nations.

Ironic, indeed, is our "reward." Barred from most industrial and business ployment on the spurious grounds of "race," bound to the soil in semi-feudal dom on the cotton plantations of the Deep South, forced to live in overwded slum ghettoes in our great cities, denied any substantial education for llions of our children, lynched and terrorized, kept from effective use of the lot in many states, segregated like pariahs, the more than 13,000,000 Negro nericans still suffer an oppression which is revolting to all the canons of ilized society.

It is with genuine anger and disgust that the Negro people, like all other ends of freedom, view the hypocrisy of our Government's professions to dership in the promotion of "freedom and democracy" throughout the world. are enraged at the knowledge that our American Secretary of State, Mr. mes F. Byrnes of South Carolina, subscribes to the same policies of antigro oppression as did the late Herr Adolph Hitler, and as does the present nator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi.

We have petitioned our own Government, time and again, for redress of evance. This we will continue to do, for the main responsibility lies with the ers of America.

e also call upon the United Nations, as we have every legal and moral t to do, to mobilize the influence of all organized mankind toward fulfillnt, here in the United States, of the stated purpose of the United Nations to *mote and encourage "respect for human rights and for fundamental freens for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."*

Thus it is that the Tenth Anniversary Convention of the National Negro ngress voted to address to the UN this "Petition to the Economic and Social ncil of the United Nations," and to append thereto the accompanying digest "The Facts" on "The Oppression of the American Negro."

The formal presentation of these documents was made at Hunter College, w York City, on June 6, 1946, to representatives of the United Nations. w it is up to the progressive citizens of our country, of all races and creeds, kly to endorse and actively to support this "Petition."

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

I

Mr. Trygvie Lie, Secretary-General June 6, 1946
United Nations
Hunter College
Bronx, New York
Dear Mr. Lie:

It is with an expression of profound regret that we, a section of the Negro people, having failed to find relief from oppression through constitutional appeal, find ourselves forced to bring this vital issue—which we have sought for almost a century since emancipation to solve within the boundary of our country—to the attention of this historic body—and to request that you, as Director-General, place it for consideration before the Economic and Social Council, or that body which, in your understanding, it may belong.

(s) Max Yergan, President
National Negro Congress
Revels Cayton, Executive Sec'y.
National Negro Congress

II

Honorable Harry S. Truman June 6, 1946
The White House
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

This is an historic moment in the life of the nation. Vast internal economic and social upheavals confront us. Added to those, the traditional pre-war policy of racial oppression carried out by powerful forces in this country is now being inhumanly reflected more than ever before.

The Negro people had hoped that out of the war there would come an extension of democratic rights and liberties so heroically fought for by all oppressed peoples.

Your administration, however, has reversed the democratic program of the Roosevelt government, both internally and in relation to foreign policy. Great burdens have been forced upon the shoulders of the Negro people.

Negro citizens find the present conditions intolerable, and are therefore, presenting their appeal to the highest court of mankind —the United Nations.

The National Negro Congress in Convention assembled feels impelled to send you the information which motivates this historic petition.

(s) Max Yergan, President

PETITION

To the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

ETITION on behalf of the Negro people of America by the ional Negro Congress of the United States of America at its h Anniversary Convention, held in the City of Detroit from 30 to June 2, 1946, for the elimination of political, economic ocial discrimination against Negroes in the United States of rica.

he Subject Matter of the Petition

ne National Negro Congress, the petitioner herein, is a national nization in the United States of America, within the definition orth in Article 71, of the Charter of the United Nations.
ne subject matter of this petition is concerned with the "pro- on of minorities" and the "prevention of discrimination on nds of race," within the purview of the Report of the Prepara- Commission and the Report of the Committee on the Organ- on of the Economic and Social Council both cited hereinafter.

The Jurisdiction of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

basis and scope of the relation of the United Nations to the lem of racial oppression and the protection of minorities has definitively stated in various official declarations and reports e United Nations.

Reference: Preamble to Charter of the United Nations.
"We the people of the United Nations determined to reaffirm faith in fundamental rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small. . . ."

Reference: Article I, Sec. 3, Charter of the United Nations.
"The purposes of the United Nations are: To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race,

3. Reference: Article 13, Sec. 1 (b), Charter of the United Nations.
"The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of: promoting international cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion."

4. Reference: Article 55, Sec. 1 (c), Charter of the United Nations.
"With a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, the United Nations shall promote: Universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

5. Reference: Article 62, Sec. 2, Charter of the United Nations.
"It (The Economic and Social Council) may make recommendations for the purpose of promoting respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all."

The medium through which the United Nations approaches the specific problem of racial oppression and protection of minorities is the Economic and Social Council. In turn, it is through the Commission on Human Rights, a specialized Commission of the Economic and Social Council, that the functions of the United Nations upon this subject are to be exercised. The basis for this delegation of function is provided in Article 68, in the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

"The Economic and Social Council shall set up commissions in economic and social fields and for the promotion of human rights, and such other commissions as may be required for the performance of its functions."

Reference is further made to the Report of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, Chapter III, Sec. 4:

"Considerations and Recommendations Concerning the Organization of the Economic and Social Council:

15. Commission on Human Rights
In general the functions of the Commission would be to assist the Council to carry out its responsibility under the Charter to promote human rights. The studies and recommendations of the Commission would encourage the acceptance

6. In particular the work of the Commission might be directed towards the following objects:

a) formulation of an international bill of rights.

b) formulation of recommendations for an international declaration or convention on such matters as civil liberties, status of women, freedom of information.

c) protection of minorities.

d) prevention of discrimination on grounds of race, sex, language or religion; and

e) any matters within the field of human rights considered likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations.

7. Studies and recommendations would be made and information and other services provided at the request of the General Assembly, or of the Economic and Social Council, whether on its own initiative or at the request of the Security Council or of the Trusteeship Council."

Reference is further made to the Report of the Committee on the Organization of the Economic and Social Council which met in London during February 1946, and proposed the following resolution:

"Sec. A. The Economic and Social Council, being charged under the Charter with the responsibility of promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and requiring advice and assistance to enable it to discharge this responsibility; establishes a Commission on Human Rights.

The work of the Commission shall be directed towards submitting proposals, recommendations and reports to the Council regarding:

a) formulation of an international bill of rights.

b) formulation of recommendations for an international declaration or convention on such matters as civil liberties, status of women, freedom of information.

c) protection of minorities.

d) prevention of discrimination on grounds of race, sex, language or religion.

3. The Commission shall make studies and recommendations and provide information and other services at the request of the Economic and Social Council.

The Charter of the United Nations further makes provision for direct consultation between the Economic and Social Council and

"The Economic and Social Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which are concerned with matters within its competence. Such arrangements may be made with international organizations and, where appropriate, *with national organizations after consultation with the Member of the United Nations concerned.*"

III. Proof in Support of the Petition

The evidence in support of this petition is set forth in full in the Document attached hereto and made a part hereof entitled, "The Oppression of the American Negro: The Facts," which conclusively establishes that a condition has existed throughout the United States of America during its entire history and prevails at this time, of the political, economic, and social discrimination against Negroes because of their race and color; resulting in the denial of equal democratic rights to 13,000,000 Negro citizens and requiring the consideration of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Wherefore, your petitioner respectfully prays that the Economic and Social Council through its Commission on Human Rights or otherwise:

1. Make such studies as it may deem necessary of the conditions herein described as they exist in the United States of America, pertaining to political, economic and social discrimination against Negroes because of their race and color.

2. Make such recommendations and take such other actions as it may deem proper with respect to the facts herein stated, to the end that "higher standards" in the field of human rights may be achieved in the United States of America and "discrimination and other abuses" on the grounds of race and color, may be "checked and eliminated."

3. Take such other and further steps as may seem just and proper to the end that the oppression of the American Negro be brought to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
by
DR. MAX YERGAN
President

REVELS CAYTON

The Oppression of the American Negro:

THE FACTS

ɔared by Dr. Herbert Aptheker* for the Tenth Anniversary .ention of the National Negro Congress, Detroit, Michigan, 30-June 2, 1946.)

the United States of America there are over thirteen million an beings restricted to a second-class citizenship, and sub-ed to a brutal system of oppression and discrimination based n the inhuman, unscientific, Fascist theory of "racism."
hese statements shall be established by citing data obtained, in r entirety, directly from official publications of the United es Government.

ɔulation:

he United States census of 1940 showed that of a total Negro ulation of 12,865,518, almost ten millions (9,904,619) lived in South, 2,790,193 lived in the North, and 170,708 lived in the .

former Governor of South Carolina, and a member of the ate of the United States for many years, Mr. Cole Blease, in aking to his constituents, said:[1] "God made man the Negro to your servant. The Negro was meant to be a hewer of wood and rawer of water." While this is blasphemous as to the Lord's ntions, it is accurate as to the intentions, *and accomplishments*, he class for which Mr. Blease spoke.

cupations:

he facts are that, in 1940, there were 4,479,069 Negro wage ners in the United States (1,542,273 of them women), and that vast majority were "hewers of wood and drawers of water." ll over half (55%) were engaged in the two lowest paid and st protected of all occupations; that is, over one million (1,003,-

million (1,447,052) were agricultural workers. Another half million (522,229) were engaged in "other service" work, and still half a million more (464,195) were "operatives." This left a total of about 370,000 individuals to make up the manager, proprietor, professional and semi-professional, clerical, sales, foremen and craftsmen groups *combined.*[2]

In 1940, seven out of every ten employed Negroes were engaged in unskilled work, and 94 out of every 100 employed Negroes followed manual pursuits. The proportion of unskilled workers amongst the Negro people was 350% greater than amongst the whites![3] Of course, these same census reports demonstrate that Negroes can, and do, perform all the functions of modern civilization, from accountant to architect, from editor to engineer, from physician to physicist, from surgeon to psychologist. Science has demonstrated, without any question, that the idea of inferiority is a deliberately concocted myth, so that these data substantiate nothing but the wholesale oppression of a myriad of peoples.

And not only are they, as a people, largely confined to the poorest paying occupations, but within these occupations they are paid less than others. This may be proven not only by every-day observation, and by official statistics, but it is the overtly expressed program of the oppressors. Thus, for example, a publication of the University of Kentucky declared,[4] in 1935: "An additional argument in favor of the salary differential between Negro and white teachers is the general tradition of the South that *Negroes and whites are not to be paid equivalent salaries for equivalent work.*" (Italics added.)

Family Income:

The earnings of the Negro people mirror their subordinate occupational status. As has been shown, the occupation engaging the greatest number of Negroes is agricultural work, confined, almost entirely, to the South. The *family* income of rural-farm families with a farm laborer as head of the household equalled in 1939 (last year for which complete official figures are available[5]) $363 for the entire United States and $295 for the South. The respective figures for the white and the Negro in the South were $337 as compared with $254, and it may be added that over 40 per cent of these Negroes had a *total yearly family income of less than $200.*

An official survey of the over-all family incomes of America (for 1935-36) disclosed that the average (medium) yearly income per family in the rural South (including not only money income, but

s the respective figures were $1,570 and $525, the Negro fam-
thus obtaining one-third that of the white, while in North
tral cities (population 100,000 and over) white families aver-
$1,720 and Negro, $1,095.[6] The meaning of these figures, in
an terms, will be somewhat more apparent when it is realized
, as of March 1935, the cost of a WPA emergency budget for
anual worker with a wife and two young children in Columbia,
h Carolina, was $845, in Mobile, Alabama, $815, in Atlanta,
rgia, $911, and in Columbus, Ohio, $940.[7]
s of 1940, two-thirds of the Negro families in the United
es earned less than $750 a year, and this was true notwith-
ding the fact that about 2 in every 5 Negro women were in
bor force, in contrast to 2 in every 8 white women.[8] Here, too,
important to note that the government, itself, declared that
ty family of three needed, in 1941, an income of $1,475 "to
r current living expenditures," almost exactly *twice* that ac-
ly obtained by most of its urban Negro citizens![9]

using:

hese statistics represent, of course, food, homes, life and death.
cial publications have summed up some of the facts in a few suc-
t lines and figures. Thus, for housing, we are told:[10] ". . . most
roes have been unable to rent or own decent, safe, and sanitary
ses in which to live and bring up their children."
igures will make this concrete. In the United States, in 1940,
re were 3,293,406 dwelling units for Negroes. Of these over one
ion (1,082,128) "needed major repairs," and almost two million
08,100) had no running water. Over twice as many Negro homes
hite (35.1% and 16.3%) needed majors repairs, and almost
times as many Negro homes as white (62% and 26.6%) had
unning water. Twice as many white homes as Negro homes
9% and 43%) had electricity. All these figures are, of course,
much worse in the South, where the bulk of the Negro citizens
Thus, to illustrate, it may be mentioned that *well over 70% of
Negro homes in that area have neither electricity nor running
er.*[11]

lth:

his oppression cripples and kills. Sickness, which incapacitates
a minimum of one week, is 40% more common to the Negro
n to the white. In 1940, while 46 out of every 1,000 white chil-
n born alive did not live to reach their first birthdays, 85 Negro
dren died during the same period. And the proportion of deaths

for the Negro as for the white, while the maternal death rate is more than twice as high. Finally, while a white man could expect, in 1940, to reach almost 63 years, the Negro man's life expectancy was 52; and the figures for white and Negro women were 67 and 55 respectively. These figures, let this be perfectly clear, are "no more than a difference of mortality for different economic classes,"[12] they do not represent some innate "racial" characteristic. Moreover, as the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor showed, the infant mortality rate for Negro families whose fathers earned less than $450 per year was practically the same (indeed, a little lower) than that for white families of a similar economic status.[13]

Education:

The attempted degradation of this entire people includes and is concentrated upon, unequal educational opportunities. This fact of undemocratic education may be demonstrated in dozens of different sets of official figures issued by all or some of those seventeen States where separate—Jim Crow—systems are required by law, and where the majority of the Negro people live.

The latest compilation coming from the United States Office of Education states:[14] "Data for any given year show the wide differences which still exist in many States between educational opportunities for white and Negro children."

All phases and facets show this discrimination. Thus, for 1941-42, while the load per white teacher was about 28 pupils, it was 36 for the Negro teachers while the average number of days a white child attended school was 144, it was 128 for the Negro; the average annual salary for the instructional staff (including supervisors, principals, and teachers) in Alabama was $923 for whites and $458 for Negroes, in Arkansas $740 and $441, in Florida $1,282 and $671, in Georgia, $961 and $460, in Louisiana $1,303 and $547, in Mississippi $712 and $226, in South Carolina $1,038 and $465, in Virginia $1,133 and $765. The eleven Southern States that reported its expenditures on transporting Negro and white children to the schools spent a total of $1,329,095 for Negroes, while the single State of Alabama spent $1,994,018 to transport its white children. In this regard, South Carolina, whose Negro children number very nearly the same as the white children (212,630 and 262,580) spent $1,222-226 for transporting the latter and $6,691 for the former! Again, for "promotion of health" the State of Georgia spent $30,426 on its white children and $1,571 on its Negro children, though the latter equal well over half the former in total numbers.[15] In terms of figures, one may summarize by stating that the level of support of the median classroom unit per year in the South for Negro schools

9—and some people still prattle about "separate but equal" ities![16]

e tragedy behind these statistics was forcefully brought be- the American people during the late war. The percentage of registrants deferred because of educational deficiency (illit-) from May 15 to September 14, 1941, was eleven times ter for Negroes than for whites! This was, of course, the result e educational system provided for them, and of nothing else. , within fifteen states the rejection rates for Negroes were r than the total percentage rate of white rejections, and *in -six Northern states, the rejection rates for Negroes were an they were for the whites in ten of the Southern states.*[17]

is inequality of opportunity exists not only in elementary ation, but also, and to an even greater degree, in higher edu- n. This becomes crystal-clear when one realizes that, in 1940, median school year completed by the Negro throughout the try was 5.7 while it was 8.4 for the white. Over 40% of the Negro population, as of 1940, had been forced to complete no e than four years of formal education, as compared to 13% e white population. The abominable situation has been sum- ized, officially, in this sentence;[18] "There is a definite lack of lability of higher educational facilities for Negroes in those es maintaining separate schools."

er Public Services:

rivileges and rights, other than education, normally associated full American citizenship, are likewise very largely denied the o. Thus, to quote again the summary remarks of a govern- t publication[19]: ". . . in cities, paving, lighting, sewerage ser- and police protection often cease where the Negro residence ion begins. . . . In many areas there is no hospital service of any d available to Negroes, and the medical and nursing service is n wholly inadequate if not lacking altogether." And, in many ions of the nation Negroes are "either excluded or permitted occupy only some special section" so far as museums, art gal- es, theatres, concert halls, public auditoriums, parks, gym- iums, and swimming pools are concerned.

ibrary service for Negroes in the South (where, remember, r nine million Negroes live) is utterly insufficient. Thus, in 9 there were in thirteen Southern States a total of 99 poorly ipped public libraries which served Negroes. This was less than seventh of all such institutions in the area, and meant that

Civil Liberties:

There is an unanimous agreement, by all observers and commentators, that fundamental legal rights, such as service on ordinary and grand juries, freedom from search and arrest except by warrant, and freedom from physical torture when in the hands of the law, are highly exceptional as concerns the vast majority of America's Negro citizens.[21]

Nor is there any disagreement as to the fact that, in violation of all law, the majority of these citizens are deprived, by subterfuge and force, of the vital right of the suffrage. This fact is openly and proudly announced by the successful politicians foisted upon the South and the nation by such an undemocratic system. Thus, to cite but one example, the present senior United States Senator from the State of Georgia, Walter F. George, wrote for publication, in 1938[22]: "Why apologize or evade? We have been very careful to obey the letter of the Federal constitution—but we have been very diligent and astute in violating the spirit of such amendments and such statutes as would lead the Negro to believe himself the equal of the white man. And we shall continue to conduct ourselves in that way."

This disfranchisement affects, as it is meant to, the poor-Negro and white—and its results are clear. To cite an outstanding example: in the last Presidential election (1944) only 27.9% of the entire potential electorate of the thirteen Southern States actually voted, while 61.9% of the potential electorate of the other thirty-five States exercised their suffrage. The figures for 1944 are arresting when one looks at the (then) eight poll-tax States for there (Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina) only 19% of the potential voters did vote! And remember, these percentages include both Negro and white people.[23]

Peonage and Violence:

No survey of the oppression of the American Negro, unsavory though it be, may neglect two other basic phenomena—peonage and violence. Neither of these is, as yet, subject to precise statistical presentation, but that both are widespread is unquestionable, and each deserves full, thorough investigation by groups independent of the dominant Southern cliques.

Reports of the existence of peonage have appeared and reappeared in the American press for fifty years,[24] some of it creeps into recent government publications,[25] occasional indictments and even convictions of individuals suspected or guilty of the practice [illegible] Federal indictments and five convictions

peonage, all involving Negroes, during the late war[26]), eye-
tness accounts appear in authentic studies,[27] and, in 1939, the
cial Service Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention, meet-
in Augusta, declared[28] that there were more people than held
debt-slavery or peonage than had ever been chattel-slaves in
nerica.

Agreement exists, too, that violence against Negroes is so com-
on, particularly in the South, as to be institutionalized. Most
blicized, of course, is the tactic of lynching, and while organized
ruggle against this bestial practice has undoubtedly reduced the
equency of its appearance, it still does occur and the threat of its
e is very much alive.

greater importance, today, however, is the device of "dry
ching," the secret, unpublicized mutilation or destruction of an
ndesirable" Negro by a small group of individuals (frequently,
is believed, officers of the law). From the nature of this device
recise details and figures are not available, but it is significant
at a study, in 1940, sponsored by four United States Congress-
en, including Senators Wagner and Capper, by a "native white
outherner who must remain anonymous" states "that countless
egroes are lynched yearly, but their disappearance is shrouded
mystery, for they are dispatched quietly and without general
nowledge." [29] Other recent works have offered substantiating re-
arks,[30] and this is certainly a type of barbarism that should be
horoughly investigated and absolutely extirpated.

Conclusion:

The effect upon the mental life of both the victims and the
nanipulators of this economic, social, political, and physical ma-
ne of oppression is only now beginning to be analyzed scientifi-
ly, but enough has already appeared to make clear the terrible
gency of the question.[31]

The cancer of racism has spread its poison throughout the life of
America. Its throttling and killing effect upon the people of the
ntire nation—North and South, Negro and white—grows more
earful and more anachronistic with the passing of each hour.

The Negro people, for themselves, and for the benefit of all other
nhabitants of America, demand full freedom and absolute equality.
Nothing short of this will satisfy them. Where one is enslaved,
ll are in chains.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Post Office Department
CHIEF POST OFFICE INSPECTOR
Washington 25, D. C.

November 15, 1954

Enclosure
p1

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter dated November 5, 1954, together with enclosure, from Mr. Roy Wilkins, Administrator, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is self-explanatory.

In view of the threat of bodily harm to the Governor of Mississippi, et. al., as contained in the letter from [redacted] the matter is referred to you for such attention as may be deemed warranted.

Mr. Wilkins has been advised of this referral.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) D. H. Stephens

Chief Post Office Inspector

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NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

Supreme National Headquarters

New York, New York

September 8, 1954

The Honorable Hugh White
Governor of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi

Honorable Sir:

National Negro Congress has just voted unanimously to condemn you white sons of bitches who dare to malign and criticize the glorious Negro race!

We want you to know that you will SOON SING a different tune down there in your lousy tenth-rate state, that is the MOST BACKWARD in the entire Union!

Don't worry, we know how to fix you up. We are going to send down the best lawyers in America to fight until all glorious Negroes are forced to be admitted to your lousy schools. We are sick and tired of seeing you white sons of bitches ruling down there.

And what is more, if you don't allow the glorious Negroes to register, we will send our spies and allies to bomb you off the face of the earth and you personally will not live to celebrate another birthday. We guarantee that!

We will soon see who is right - the Supreme Court or you white sons of bitches?

Yours for the NAACP

(Signed) b7c

[redacted]

Supreme Grand Regent and Ruler
National Negro Congress of U.S.A.

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COPY

ENCLOSURE 61-6725-666

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
20 WEST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
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November 5, 1954

United States Post Office Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter sent to us by Mr. Carrie Hall, president of our local chapter in Jackson, Mississippi, 540 North Farish Street.

This letter is supposed to have been sent to Gov. Hugh White of Mississippi and to other state officials.

We are concerned because the letter closes with "Yours for the NAACP." This is a wholly unauthorized use of our initials inasmuch as we have no connection with the letter and knew nothing about it until a mimeographed copy of it was sent us by Mr. Hall.

We know of no such individual or organization in New York City and because our association has been dragged into the letter and because it has evidently been mimeographed and distributed in Mississippi in an effort to slander and discredit the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, we ask that the Post Office Department make an inquiry as to its mailing.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins
Administrator

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ENCLOSURE

Assistant Attorney General
William Olney III

November 17, 1954

Director, FBI

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SUPREME GRAND REGENT RULER
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS OF U.S.A.
GOVERNOR HUGH WHITE - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Your reference WO:CMcE:MIP)

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There is attached hereto a copy of a letter dated November 5, 1954, addressed to the United States Post Office Department, together with copies of the attachment dated September 8, 1954. Also attached is a copy of a report dated November 9, 1954, at New York, New York, in the above-captioned matter. A copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 15, 1954, at New Orleans, Louisiana, has previously been furnished to the Department. This Bureau is currently investigating the possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute which was contained in the original letter dated September 8, 1954. The above reports reflect investigation conducted thus far.

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You will note in the enclosure dated November 5, 1954, that mimeographs of the letter dated September 8, 1954, have been distributed in Mississippi, presumably through the mails. In the letter of November 5, 1954, Mr. Roy Wilkins, Administrator, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, indicates that it appears their association has been dragged into the letter in an effort to slander and discredit them.

Your advice is requested as to whether the subsequent mailing of the mimeographs of the letter dated September 8, 1954, constitutes a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute or whether it would be a violation of the Postal Laws. An early reply would be appreciated as Mr. Wilkins has been advised of this referral.

Attachment

CC: 2 - New York (Attachment)(SAC, [illegible])
2 - New Orleans (Attachment)

CC: 1 - Chief Post Office Inspector
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NOTE, SAC, NEW YORK:

Contact [redacted] for any information he may have regarding the identity of [redacted]. Attached are copies of incoming communication.

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NOTE, SAC, NEW ORLEANS:

Reurlet September 28, 1954, advising receipt of mimeograph of letter by Resident Agent, Hattiesburg and Natchez, Mississippi. Suairtel any information indicating the mimeograph has been transmitted through the U. S. mails.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

November 30, 1954

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Director, FBI

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SUPREME GRAND REGENT RULER
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS OF U.S.A.
GOVERNOR HUGH WHITE - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Your reference WO:CMcE:MIP)

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 19, 1954, which furnished mimeographs of a letter dated September 8, 1954. These mimeographs of the letter appear to have been distributed in Mississippi, presumably through the United States mails.

Your advice was requested as to whether the subsequent mailing of the mimeographs of the letter dated September 8, 1954, constituted a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute or whether it would be a violation of the postal laws.

Since Mr. Roy Wilkins, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been advised of this referral and that we would communicate with him further on the receipt of the Department's reply, it would be appreciated if you will furnish this Bureau the opinion requested in my communication of November 19, 1954.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 19, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-524)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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[redacted] furnished this office the following pieces of literature:

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#1 - Annual Program of the Second National Negro Congress held October 15, 16, 17, 1937 at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#2 - Four Page mimeographed leaflet under the letterhead of the National Negro Congress, 717 Florida Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C. dated July 10, 1936. This is a memo from JOHN P. DAVIS, National Secretary to all local councils. The subject of the memo is the Organizational Drive of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee. This memo bore the following sub-headings:

Negro Workers in the Steel Industry
The Significance of Negro Workers to the Organization Campaign
How the Organization Drive will be conducted
How Local Councils of the National Negro Congress Can Aid by Leaflets, Volunteer Organizers, Building Community Sentiment, Picnics and Mass Meetings, Coordination of Work on a National Scale
Funds for the Campaign
Paid Organizers

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This information is being brought to the Bureau's attention in the event this literature may be of some value.

The Bureau is requested to inform Indianapolis Division whether or not it desires to retain this literature. If the Bureau has no use for it, it will be destroyed.

SAC, Indianapolis (100-524) August 30, 1955

Director, FBI (61-6728) — 66

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FY-11 NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to your letter dated August 19, 1955, advising that your office is in possession of certain literature furnished by [redacted] concerning the captioned organization and requesting that the Indianapolis Office be informed if the Bureau desires this literature be retained.

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The Bureau cannot determine whether this literature is of value in connection with current or future investigations conducted by your office. In this connection, therefore, you are instructed to review carefully this literature for any pertinent data and if it is determined that the retention of this material serves no useful purpose it may be destroyed.

YELLOW: National Negro Congress has been cited by AG pursuant to EO 10450. This case closed by New York Office in 1948. The Bureau cannot decide whether the items mentioned in the attached letter should be retained by Indianapolis in view of possible information contained therein which would be of value in regard to present or future investigations conducted by that office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)

DATE: October 20, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-524)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Indianapolis 8/30/55.

A careful perusal of the literature furnished by [redacted] does not reflect any pertinent data concerning any current or future investigation conducted by this office; therefore, it is being destroyed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 7/10/56

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894-A)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Milwaukee, 10/18/41)

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Bureau was advised that an error had been made in the reporting of the information furnished by [redacted] on 8/22/41 in the report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee, 10/18/41, entitled "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY - R". b7c,D

The Bureau, Boston, Cleveland, and New York received copies of SA [redacted] report. Those copies should be corrected. b7c

For that reason, the following copies of amended pages 1 and 11 of SA [redacted] report are herewith enclosed: 5 - Bureau, 1 - Boston, 2 - Cleveland, 2 - New York.

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The Bureau, Boston, Cleveland and New York are asked to make the appropriate changes in SA [redacted] report. b7c

Boston, Cleveland and New York are asked to report to the Bureau and the Milwaukee Office by letter captioned as this letter is captioned, the fact that the appropriate change in the report has been made.

The Milwaukee Office has corrected its own three copies of SA [redacted] report. b7c

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Letter to Bureau
7/10/56
Re: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-R
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Boston, Cleveland and New York are asked to carefully review their respective files in this matter to see whether any dissemination has been made of the information furnished in the second full paragraph of page 11, et sequentia, report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee, 10/18/41, captioned "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY - R". If dissemination has been made the information should be corrected. After the corrections have been made a communication to the Milwaukee Office and the Bureau bearing the caption of this letter should so report that fact. b7c

The Milwaukee Office is unaware of the current whereabouts of SA [redacted]
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The initials of the approving supervisor on the Milwaukee copy of SA [redacted] report referred to in caption, are such that they are not identifiable. Therefore, no recommendation can be made by the Milwaukee Office as to administrative action concerning the material in this report.

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Date: 7-14-56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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ReBuAirtel 7-11-56 captioned as above, instructing recontact with [redacted] to further clarify and identify [redacted] b7D, c appearing in report of SA [redacted] 10-18-41, in captioned case.

Per Bureau instructions, Boston, Cleveland, and New York withhold corrective action until further advised.

3 - Bureau (61-6728)(AM)
1 - Boston (AM)
1 - Cleveland (AM)
1 - New York (AM)
1 - Milwaukee (100-894-A)

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : SAC Cleveland (100-612)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Re Milwaukee letter to Director, 7/10/56.

This is to advise that the Cleveland Office has made the requested changes in the report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee, 10/18/41, entitled "National Negro Congress, Internal Security - R". b7C

2 - Bureau RM
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1 - Cleveland

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-24-56

FROM : SAC, St. Louis

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORTH WORTH, TEXAS;
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NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
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Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated 7-18-56.

All necessary action taken St. Louis.

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2-Bureau
1-Dallas (100-436)
1-St. Louis (100-1326)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6728) DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-1411)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
IS-C

Re Dallas letter to the Bureau dated 7/18/56 in captioned matter.

This is to advise that cited reports in this matter as received by the Albany Office, namely, report of [redacted] dated 6/28/41 at Dallas; report [redacted] dated 6/20/41 at Dallas; report of SA [redacted] dated 5/28/41 at Dallas; and report of SA [redacted] dated 4/25/41 at Dallas, have been appropriately marked in this office to reflect the information contained in reference Dallas letter concerning former [redacted] 67C 67D

Review of these reports in the Albany Office reflect no further dissemination of the information contained therein.

CC: 2-Bureau (61-6728) (RM)
1-Dallas (100-436)
1-Albany (100-1411)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7-23-56

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-594)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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OO: DALLAS

Reference Dallas letter of 7/18/56.

El Paso has labeled reports in accordance with instructions. No dissemination made here in this case.

Following reports labeled according to Dallas specifications:

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Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 6/20/41;
Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 5/28/41;
Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 4/25/41
Report of [redacted] Dallas, 7/30/41.

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2-Bureau
1-Dallas
1-El Paso

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Date: 7/20/56

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6728)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-894)

RE: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C

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[redacted] was recontacted 7/17/56 by [redacted]

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2-Milwaukee (100-894)
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Mr. Belmont

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Date: 7/20/[illegible]

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-C (II 100-894)

[redacted]

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Failure to Take Corrective Action in 1948

No substantial explanation can be submitted at this time concerning this phase of the matter.

The SAC at MI in 1948 was HUGH K. JOHNSON. There is nothing in the National Negro Congress file in MI or on the bulky exhibit [redacted] in question to indicate that any corrective action was taken [redacted] It is noted that at that time [redacted] was not available for clarification [redacted]

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 7/20/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-C (MI-100-894)

[redacted] 0/S

With reference to report SA [redacted] 10/18/41, MI, in case captioned "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-R," which originally set forth [redacted] new amended pages will also be submitted in order to record the more definite and accurate documentation of these cards. Amended pages for SA [redacted] report are being forwarded to the Bureau by air mail letter dated July 20, 1956 captioned, "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS." This report was originally disseminated to Boston, Cleveland and New York Offices. Amended pages for this report were transmitted to these offices by MI letter to the Director 7/10/56 captioned, "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-R [redacted] Upon receipt of reBuairtel 7/11/56 captioned "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-C," these offices were directed to withhold corrective action per Bureau instructions until further advised. Amended pages for these offices will be retained at MI pending Bureau advice that documentation set forth on page #3 hereof is approved.

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With reference to last paragraph of page #1 of reBuairtel 7/11/56, an over-all list is not being submitted concerning communications requiring corrective action as all such communications have been identified in instant airtel.

[redacted] 0/S

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cc: MR. BELMONT
~~MR. SULLIVAN~~
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 30, 1956

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-2870)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C
(CO Dallas)

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Re Dallas letter to Director, cc Chicago, dated 7/18/56, and Dallas letter 7/19/56 entitled [redacted] 0/S

Referenced letter of July 18, 1956, requested corrective action in the following reports of captioned case: b7D

1) Report SA [redacted] Dallas, 6/20/41 (Bufile 61-6728-136)(entire report labeled except pages 15 and 16).

2) Report SA [redacted] Dallas, 5/28/41 (Bufile 61-6728-132)(entire report labeled except lower half of page 25, upper half of page 26, lower part of page 34, and all of page 35). b7C

3) Report SA [redacted] Dallas, 4/25/41 (Bufile 61-6728-101X)(page 1 through middle of page 19 labeled).

Referenced letter of July 19, 1956, entitled [redacted] requested corrective action in the following reports: 0/S

1) Report of SA [redacted], Oklahoma City, 6/12/41. b7C

2) Serials accompanying report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 8/28/41, captioned "NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, IS-C."

Proper corrective action has been taken by Chicago and each report and the appropriate serials labeled as instructed.

There was no dissemination of this information by the Chicago Office.

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1 - [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 26, 1956

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-162)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
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NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
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(OO: Dallas)

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Relet, Dallas to Bureau, 7/18/56.

This is to advise that the Pittsburgh copies of the reports of SA [redacted] dated at Dallas, 4/25/41, 5/28/41, and 6/20/41, in captioned matter have been appropriately labeled as instructed in relet. No instances located where information in above reports was disseminated.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Dallas (100-436)(RM)
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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/27/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-949)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
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(OO: DALLAS)

Re Dallas letter dated July 18, 1956, advising that information furnished by [redacted] former Security Informant [redacted] pertinent to various matters including an organization at Fort Worth, Texas, called by him, "NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA", was found to be completely false and fictitious and that each copy of every report, memorandum or other communication containing information furnished [redacted] must be clearly labeled to indicate that [redacted] information is "false and should not be used or disseminated in the future." b7D [redacted] b7C,D

Referenced letter makes specific reference to the reports of SA [redacted], Dallas, dated 6/25/41; 5/28/41; and 6/29/41, copies of which were disseminated to all offices in continental United States. b7C

WFO has made the necessary notations in these reports with regard to the information furnished by former [redacted] No dissemination has been made by WFO with respect to the information appearing in these reports. It is noted that Dallas report of [redacted] dated 8/28/41, captioned as above, set forth information that the material furnished in this case by [redacted] was found to be a complete fabrication, and WFO at that time made notations to that effect in the above mentioned reports of SA [redacted] WFO b7D b7C

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1-WFO
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Miss Gandy

To: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

From: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-1759)

NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: et al
IS - C
(oo: Dallas)

Re Dallas letter to Director, dated July 18, 1956.

The indicies and files of the Baltimore Office were reviewed and the information furnished by [redacted] in reports dated April 25, 1941, May 28, 1941 and June 20, 1941 by SA [redacted] at Dallas has been clearly labled as false information in compliance with Bureau instructions.

The Baltimore Office has not disseminated any information furnished by [redacted] in referenced reports. RUC.

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(3) Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Dallas [redacted] (REGISTERED MAIL)
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1 - Baltimore
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Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee, 10/18/41, captioned "National Negro Congress, IS-R" sets forth, pages 11 through 20, [redacted] b7c,D Copies of this report were furnished to the Boston, Cleveland and New York Field Divisions and Bureau.

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[redacted] Bureau by airtel 7/11/56 directed Milwaukee to recontact [redacted] ascertain true nature of same, developing fully [redacted] reasons for any conclusion re their true nature. b7D

By airtel 7/20/56, Milwaukee advised that [redacted] was recontacted 7/17/56 and stated as follows: b7D

Enclosure

cc Mr. Boardman
cc Mr. Belmont
cc Mr. Bland
cc Administrative Division
cc Mr. Stanley
cc Mr. Kelly

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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There is no memorandum or other data recording the circumstances of their receipt, and [redacted] cannot now recall to whom he furnished them. b7D

By letter 1/19/48 and report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee, 1/19/48, both captioned [redacted] Milwaukee pointed out that [redacted] had been erroneously described [redacted] in SA [redacted] report. Report of SA [redacted] b7C,I

By airtel 7/20/56, Milwaukee advised that no corrective action was taken in 1948 when this error was detected.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Milwaukee has reviewed its files concerning [redacted] and determined that information from them was used in reports in four individual cases. Per Bureau instructions contained in Buairtel 7/11/56, Milwaukee has withheld corrective action in these cases, pending Bureau approval of terminology to be used [redacted] b7C,D

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In connection with the file review conducted Milwaukee letter 7/6/56 and airtel 7/20/56, state only that information from [redacted] was used in four reports. No specific mention is made of other communications, written or oral, by which this information may have been disseminated. It appears Milwaukee should be instructed to review its files [redacted] in any communication [redacted] based on the information in SA [redacted] report, Milwaukee should take prompt corrective action by advising each agency and/or field division, including the Bureau, to which each communication was disseminated under the appropriate case caption involved, of the true nature [redacted] With regard to the four reports in which information [redacted] was utilized, the Milwaukee Office should be instructed to submit explanations from the personnel involved, and recommendations for administrative action. The initiation of such administrative action will be handled at the Bureau by the substantive desk. Milwaukee should instruct pertinent field divisions to review their indices concerning individuals involved to determine whether any corrective action is necessary on the part of those field divisions. b7D b7D b7D

(2) Milwaukee and pertinent field offices should be instructed to appropriately flag their copies of all pertinent communications in this matter to prevent future reference [redacted] Bureau will also take such action. b7D

(3) Upon receipt of advice from Milwaukee or the other pertinent field offices that corrective action is necessary in a particular case any such action necessary at the Bureau will be handled by the substantive desk.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

(4) An over-all list of all such communications wherein corrective action is necessary should be forwarded to the Bureau under the caption "National Negro Congress" for control purposes and Milwaukee and pertinent offices should advise the Bureau when this entire project has been completed. A thirty-day deadline will be set in this regard.

(5) Bufiles will be reviewed [redacted] and corrective action will be taken where necessary. b7D

(6) Following administrative action is recommended:

SA [redacted] who originally erroneously identified [redacted] resigned 2/15/46. [redacted] b7C

SA [redacted] is currently assigned to Milwaukee. [redacted] b7C

SA [redacted] approved the report of SA [redacted] and prepared the cover letter in the case of [redacted] He is currently assigned to Kansas City. [redacted] b7C

SA [redacted] who supervised the case of [redacted] at the Bureau resigned 6/29/51. [redacted] b7C

ACTION:

If you approve there is enclosed a communication to Milwaukee in accordance with above.

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cc Mr. Bland
cc Administrative Div.
cc Mr. Stanley
cc Mr. Kelly

SAC, Milwaukee

July 30, 1956

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Director, FBI

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NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurairtel dated July 20, 1956.

In connection with the file review conducted by you it is noted that you state only that information from [redacted] in question was used in four reports. You make no reference to other communications, such as name checks requests from other agencies, by which information from [redacted] may have been disseminated. Any such communications, whether written or oral, must of course be corrected. In view of the fact that [redacted] and that the report erroneously setting forth the information was prepared in 1941, it would appear that the information may have been utilized in more than four instances. b7D

You are instructed to review your files [redacted] and in those instances [redacted] based on the information in SA [redacted] report, you should advise each agency and/or field division, including the Bureau, of the action necessary to correct such communication. You should instruct pertinent field divisions to review their indices concerning individuals involved to determine whether any corrective action is necessary on the part of those field divisions. b7D

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See memo Belmont to Boardman, 7/27/56, JGK:dlj, captioned as above.

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[redacted] b7D

You should appropriately flag copies of all pertinent communications in this matter to prevent [redacted] b7D future reference [redacted]. You should advise pertinent field offices to do likewise.

Upon completion of your file review, an over-all list of all communications where corrective action is necessary should be forwarded to the Bureau under instant caption. It will not be necessary for you to withhold submission of this list until you have actually taken the necessary corrective action. You should direct pertinent field offices to submit such a list to you and you should submit the over-all list covering all such communications for your own and those offices.

You are advised and should so advise pertinent field offices that this matter must be handled within 30 days of the receipt of this communication in your office.

Immediately advise the Bureau under the caption of this communication when all necessary corrective action has been taken by you.

In regard to the four instances in which information from [redacted] was utilized in reports b7D from your office, you should, together with necessary corrections, submit your recommendations for administrative action. Corrections necessary and recommendations for administrative action should be handled in the individual case files.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI [redacted] DATE: 7/27/56

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (100-1546)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
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NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
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NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS.
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Re Dallas letter 7/18/56 instructing that communications be labeled to identify source of information as [redacted] and further identify this information as false and not to be used or disseminated.

All of the reports identified in Dallas letter have been so labeled by the Kansas City Office.

Indices of the Kansas City Office and this file do not disclose any information which would indicate further dissemination by this office of any information furnished by [redacted]

RUC.

2 - Bureau [redacted] (REG. MAIL)
2 - Dallas (100-435 and [redacted] (REG. MAIL)
1 - KC 100-1546
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE 8/2/56 b7D

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (100-820)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
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Re Dallas Letter to Bureau dated 7/18/56.

Copies of the following reports in possession of the Omaha Office have been labeled in accordance with instructions contained in relet.

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Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 4/25/41.
Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 5/28/41.
Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 6/20/41.

No dissemination of the material contained in these reports has been made by the Omaha Office.

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2-Bureau ([redacted])
2-Dallas (1-100-436)
[redacted] (1-[redacted])
1-Omaha (100-820)

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 6, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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In connection with captioned matter, it was necessary to correct information contained in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 10-18-41 at Milwaukee which matter was discussed in your memorandum to Mr. Boardman dated 7-26-56. By letter dated 7-27-56 Milwaukee Office was given instructions as to how these corrections were to be set forth and was advised that the following terminology was to be utilized. [redacted]

b7D

On August 3, 1956, SAC Poster, Milwaukee, telephonically contacted me and inquired as to whether the above terminology should be strictly adhered to or whether the information should be attributed to a T symbol or some other source. SAC Poster was instructed to adhere to instructions as contained in above-mentioned Bureau letter to Milwaukee dated 7-27-56 unless some specific occasion arose wherein common sense would dictate otherwise. It was pointed out to him that amended pages were no longer furnished to other agencies to whom we may have disseminated information in the past and that any necessary corrections are handled by putting the corrected information in letter form to those agencies.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Thornton

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI [redacted] b7D

DATE: August 7, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (100-651)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS.
IS - C
(Dallas Origin)

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Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated July 18, 1956.

Copies of reports received by Birmingham in this matter as set forth relet have been appropriately labeled. It does not appear from the file that there has been any dissemination by Birmingham of information furnished by [redacted]

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2 - Bureau REGISTERED
2 - Dallas (100-436) [redacted] REGISTERED
1 - Birmingham (100-651)
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TO : Director, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/6/56

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (100-714)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS; NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH,
TEXAS; COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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(OO: DALLAS)

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Re Dallas letter to Director 7/18/56.

Charlotte copies of the following reports have been appropriately labeled per instructions in relet. There has been no dissemination in this matter by Charlotte office:

Reports SA [redacted] Dallas, dated 6/20/41, 5/28/41 and 4/25/41.

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2 - Dallas [redacted] (1-DL 100-436)(RM)
1 - Charlotte (100-714)

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TO: Director, FBI

DATE: July 31, 1956

FROM: SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C

OO: Dallas

[redacted] Re Dallas letter to Bureau 7-18-56. b7D

All communications listed in referenced letter as being in the possession of New Orleans, have been located and labeled pursuant to instructions.

The New Orleans file does not reflect that this office has disseminated any data which originated with [redacted] either to an outside agency or to an auxiliary Bureau office. b7C,D

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2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (RM)
(100-436)
1 - New Orleans (100-1295)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 6, 1956

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-2603)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS -C

Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated July 13, 1956.

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In accordance with instructions contained in referenced Dallas letter, each copy of every communication containing information furnished by [redacted] former Security Informant [redacted] has been clearly labeled to indicate that [redacted] information is "false and should not be used or disseminated in the future."

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The Bureau and Dallas are also advised that Detroit did not disseminate any information furnished by [redacted] to any outside agency or to any other auxiliary office.

The only communications contained in the Detroit file concerning information furnished [redacted] are the Dallas communications furnished to all offices in the Continental United States and which communications are listed on page 4 of the above referenced Dallas letter. Grand Rapids file copies handled as above.

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2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - Dallas (REGISTERED)
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1 - Detroit

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TO : Director, FBI [redacted] 67D DATE: 8/10/56

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (100-213)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C

OO: Dallas

Re Dallas letter to Bureau 7/18/56 captioned as above, and Dallas letter to Bureau 7/19/56 entitled, [redacted]

The Dallas letter of 7/18/56 directed all continental offices to make changes in three Dallas reports dated 4/25/41, 5/28/41, and 6/20/41 entitled, "NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA."

The Dallas letter of 7/19/56 directed that all continental offices correct copies of Dallas reports and San Antonio reports.

The Norfolk indices contain no reference to any of the above captioned organizations except the National Negro Congress. The file on National Negro Congress (Norfolk 100-213) was opened with the establishment of the Norfolk Office on December 23, 1941. Because the Norfolk Office was non-existent until December 1941, no copies of the above reports are available in the Norfolk files.

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2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Richmond (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Norfolk

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TO : Director, FBI [redacted] (RM) DATE: 8/7/56 b7D

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (100-802)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C

OO: DALLAS

Re Dallas letter to Bureau 7/18/56.

The only reports in captioned matter received by this office were the reports designated for all offices in the continental United States listed on page 4 of referenced letter. These reports have been labeled in accordance with the instructions in relet. The files of this office do not reflect any dissemination of these reports by this office or dissemination of any information appearing in them by this office. RUC

2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (100-436)(RM)
1 - Cincinnati (100-802)

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TO : Director, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/9/56

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-405)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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OO - DALLAS

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Relet Dallas to Bureau 7/18/56.

Buffalo has complied with instructions set forth in relet.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/56

FROM : SAC, Phoenix

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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OO - DALLAS

Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated /56.

The action requested in referenced letter has been taken and the notations made. No dissemination of this information was made.

2-Bureau [redacted] (Regis)
2-Dallas
(1-100-436) (Regis)
1-Phoenix (100-882)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 8/9/56

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-505)

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SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS; NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C
OO - DALLAS

Re Dallas lets to Director 7/18/56 and 7/19/56.

All communications containing information furnished by former security informant [redacted] have been labeled as instructed. No further dissemination of any of the communications made by Savannah Office. RUC b7C,D

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1 - Dallas [redacted] (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] b7D

DATE: 8/10/56

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-326)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
OO: Dallas

Re Dallas let to Bureau dated 7/18/56.

All copies of the following reports in possession of the Little Rock Office have been labeled according to instructions set forth in referenced letter:

1. Report of SA [redacted] at Dallas dated 6/20/41 (Bufile 61-6728-136)
2. Report of SA [redacted] at Dallas dated 5/28/41 (Bufile 61-6728-132)
3. Report of SA [redacted] at Dallas dated 4/25/41 (Bufile 61-6728-101X)

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No further dissemination has been made by the Little Rock Office in captioned matter.

2 - Bureau
2 - Dallas (100-436)
1 - Little Rock (100-326)
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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Transmitted herewith are five copies each of amended pages #1 and #11 of report of SA [redacted] dated 10/18/41, at Milwaukee, captioned as above. It is noted these pages conform to [redacted] received from [redacted] in August of 1941 as described in previous correspondence and particularly in Milwaukee airtel of July 20, 1956, captioned as above. Copies of these amended pages for the report of SA [redacted] which are to be furnished Boston, Cleveland and New York, will be furnished those offices upon approval of the aforementioned documentation by the Bureau.

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2 - Bureau (61-6728) (Encl.10)(REG. AIR MAIL)
1 - Milwaukee (100-894)
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ENCLOSURE

Do not insert in American Negro Congress file. Insert in Communist Party, USA file.

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MILWAUKEE	NEW YORK	10/18/41	4/3-5: 7/18: 8/15,22: 10/2/41

TITLE OF CASE

NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C

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SYNOPSIS: On 7/2/41 [redacted] stated that there is no NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS in the Milwaukee area. According to [redacted] there is a Communist organization in Milwaukee, but it is not called the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS. According to [redacted], there is no NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS in the State of Wisconsin, but the Communist Party has a Negro Branch established in Milwaukee. [redacted]

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- New York
- Milwaukee (100-894)

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TO : Director, FBI (61-6728) DATE: 8/7/56

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebulet 7/30/56.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 5 copies each of amended pages 1 and 11 of the report of SA [redacted] dated 10/18/41 at Milwaukee, captioned as above. Enclosed to Boston is one copy each of pages 1 and 11 of the same report, to Cleveland two copies each of pages 1 and 11 of this report, and to New York two copies each of pages 1 and 11 of this report. b7C

These pages have been amended in accordance with Bureau instructions in referenced letter. The Bureau is requested to substitute them for pages 1 and 11 in the five copies of this report in the Bureau's files.

Boston, Cleveland, and New York should substitute the enclosed amended pages for pages 1 and 11 in the copies of this report in their respective files.

In addition, Boston, Cleveland, and New York, are instructed in accordance with referenced Bureau letter, to review their indices [redacted] to determine whether any corrective action is necessary on the parts of these respective Divisions. Similar corrective action should of course be taken in connection with any dissemination that may have been made of the report of SA [redacted] dated 10/18/41. b7D b7C

Each Division, in accordance with Bureau instructions, should appropriately flag copies of all pertinent communications involving this matter to prevent future reference [redacted] b7D

2 - Bureau (Enclosures-10)(61-6728)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Boston (Enclosures-2)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Cleveland (Enclosures-4)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - New York (Enclosures-4)(REGISTERED MAIL)
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Each Division, in accordance with Bureau instructions, upon completion of its file review, should submit to the Milwaukee Office an over-all list of all communications emanating from each office where corrective action is necessary. Milwaukee will then compile an over-all list of such communications covering its own, as well as the communications of other offices, for submission to the Bureau.

The Bureau has advised Milwaukee that this matter must be handled within 30 days after receipt of referenced Bureau letter, which was received in the Milwaukee Office on August 1, 1956. Offices receiving copies of this letter are therefore requested to immediately comply with these instructions and furnish Milwaukee an over-all list of their communications in order that Milwaukee can meet this 30-day deadline in ample time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/9/56

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-7937)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, ET AL
IS-C
(OO: Dallas)

Re Dallas letter to Bureau, 7/18/56, concerning information furnished by [redacted] former security informant [redacted] which information was found to be false.

b7C,D

In accordance with instructions in referenced letter, ink notations have been made on the appropriate pages of the following reports mentioned in referenced letter:

Reports number 1, 2, and 3 sent to "All Offices In Continental United States" as listed on Page 4 of referenced letter.

Reports number 1, 2, and 3, copies of which were furnished to the NYO as listed on Page 5 of referenced letter.

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All of these reports bear the caption of instant case.

A review of NY files indicate that no information furnished by the above-mentioned former security informant has been disseminated by the NYO. - R U C -

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2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (RM)
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1 - New York (100-7937)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/9/56

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: ET AL
IS-C

ReBulet 8/8/56.

All reports listed therein have been appropriately labeled in accordance with instructions.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/14/56 b7D

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-640)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS; NEGRO RACE CONGRESS; NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS; COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE; NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE; NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Reference is made to Dallas letter dated 7/18/56, to the Director with copies to Atlanta, which instructed that appropriate notations be made to reflect that former Security Informant [redacted] has furnished false information. b7D

This is to advise the Atlanta Office has appropriately labelled reports of SA [redacted] at Dallas, Texas, dated 4/25/41, 5/20/41 and 6/20/41. b7C

A review of other pertinent files in the Atlanta Office fails to indicate that any of this information was utilized in any subsequent reporting by the Atlanta Office and hence has not been designated to other agencies.

This matter is RUC.

(2) - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (100-436) (RM) b7D
1 - Atlanta (100-640)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: August 15, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-1075

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA, ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Dallas origin

Re Dallas let to Bureau dated July 18, 1956, requesting that New Haven copies of reports of SA [redacted] on the above-captioned organization dated April 25, 1941; May 28, 1941, and June 20, 1941, at Dallas be corrected.

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This is to advise that these corrections have been made on the New Haven copies of the pertinent reports.

Information incorporated in these reports has not been included in any other written material in the New Haven Office and has not been disseminated to any outside agencies. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] b7D DATE: August 17, 1956

FROM : SAC, BOSTON(100-294)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Reference is made to Dallas letter to the Director, dated 7/18/56, captioned as above.

In compliance with instructions set forth in referenced letter, the designated corrective action was taken by the Boston Office in the following listed reports which were previously furnished to Boston by the Dallas Division:

Report of SA [redacted], dated 6/20/41, at Dallas, captioned, "Negro Achievement Association of America, et al, IS - C". (Bufile 61-6728-136). b7C

Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, dated 5/28/41 captioned, "Negro Achievement Association of America, et al., IS - C". (Bufile 61-6728-132).

Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, dated 4/25/41, captioned, "Negro Achievement Association of America, et al., IS - C (Bufile 61-6728-101X)

A review of the file in which the aforementioned reports are contained, along with other related file cases, fail to reveal any dissemination by the Boston Office of the information furnished Dallas by [redacted] to any other field offices or any outside agency. RUC. b7D

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2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (100-436)(RM) b7D
1 - Boston (100-294)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 8-16-56 b7D

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-1686)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C
(OO: Dallas)

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Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated 7-18-56 captioned as above and Dallas letter to the Bureau dated 7-19-56 entitled, [redacted]

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All Richmond copies of the following reports have been labeled to reflect that [redacted] information is false and should not be used or disseminated in the future and that further reference should be made to the report of SA [redacted] Dallas, dated August 28, 1941, captioned, "NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, etal; IS - C," Richmond file 100-1686. b7C

Report of SA [redacted] Dallas dated 6-20-41, captioned as above (entire report labeled except pages 15 and 16);

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Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, dated 5-28-41, captioned as above (entire report labeled except lower half of page 25, upper half of page 26, lower part of page 34, and all of page 35);

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Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, dated 4-25-41, captioned as above (page 1 through middle of page 19 labeled); b7D

2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas (100-436)(RM)
2 - Richmond (1 - RH 100-2243)
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DIRECTOR, FBI 8-16-56

RE: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA, etal
IS - C

Report of SA [redacted] San Antonio, dated 7-17-41, captioned, [redacted] (page 23 labeled). b7c b7D

The Richmond indices contain no further reference to [redacted] and there has been no dissemination to outside agencies of the above information by the Richmond Office. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 8/16/56

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-643)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C
O. O. Dallas

Re Dallas letter to Director, 7/18/56, captioned as above.

The Springfield Office has appropriately marked all serials contained in files of this office which are known to contain information furnished by [redacted] DLS - 59-C. Springfield indices have been reviewed, and no serials were located which reflect information furnished by [redacted] other than the serials set out in referenced Dallas letter. RWC

2- Bureau [redacted] (R.M.)
2- Dallas, [redacted] (100-436)(R.M.)
1- San Antonio (100-242)(R.M.)
1- Springfield (100-643)
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 16, 1956

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-1427)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; ET AL
IS - C
OO: Dallas

Re Dallas let to Director dated 7/18/56.

Notations in accordance with instructions set forth in relet have been made in IP copies of reports of SA [redacted] Dallas, dated 4/2[illegible]/41, 5/28/41 and 6/20/41. b7C

According to the IP files, no dissemination of this information has been made.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Dallas (100-436)(RM)
1 - Indianapolis (100-1427)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 8/15/56

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-889)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS; NEGRO RACE CONGRESS; NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS; COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE; NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE; NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS;
IS-C
(OO:Dallas)

Re Dallas letter to Bureau, 7/18/56.

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced letter, appropriate inked notations have been made in Salt Lake City copies of the reports of SA [redacted] b7C [redacted] dated 4/25/41, 5/28/41, and 6/20/41 at Dallas.

No dissemination of information contained in these reports has been made by Salt Lake City to other agencies or other Bureau offices.

No further action is being taken by Salt Lake City.

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(2) - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - Dallas (100-436)(134-85)(RM)
1 - Salt Lake City (100-889)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: August 14, 1956

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-1388)

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SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C
OO - DALLAS

Re Dallas letter to Director, dated July 18, 1956.

As requested in referenced letter, all communications in possession of the San Diego Office regarding information furnished by [redacted] former Security Informant, [redacted] have been labeled in accordance with Bureau instructions. There has been no information disseminated from these communications to auxiliary offices or outside agencies. RUC

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2 - Director, FBI (REGISTERED)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (100-436)(REGISTERED)
1 - San Diego

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SAC, Milwaukee

NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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ReBulet July 30, 1956.

Bufiles to date fail to reflect receipt reply from your office. In event requested information has not already be forwarded to Bureau, you are instructed to take this action immediately. Under no circumstances should the submission of this information be accomplished later than August 22, 1956.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/21/56

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-3802) b7D

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C
(OO: Dallas)

Re Dallas letter 7/18/56.

Pursuant to instructions as set out in relet, appropriate notations have been made in the reports listed on Page 4 of relet containing information furnished by [redacted] A search of the Newark indices on all organizations listed in the caption of this letter has failed to indicate that any information is contained therein attributable to this informant. b7D

This search has failed to indicate that Newark has disseminated any information furnished by [redacted] b7D b7D

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Dallas (RM)
(1 - [redacted])
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1 - Newark
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: August 21, 1956

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (100-994)

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SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA;
NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS;
NEGRO RACE CONGRESS;
NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS;
COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE;
NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE;
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C

Relet from Dallas, 7/18/56.

Appropriate notations have been made on the material furnished by [redacted] indicating the information is false and should not be used or disseminated.

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There is no indication that information from [redacted] was further disseminated by the Houston Office.

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2 - Bureau
2 - Dallas [redacted]
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1 - Houston
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] DATE: 8/20/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3464) b7D

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS; NEGRO RACE CONGRESS; NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS; COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE; NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE; NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C
(OO:DALLAS)

Re Dallas letter to the Bureau dated 7/18/56.

Los Angeles copies of reports of SA [redacted] at Dallas, dated 6/20/41, 5/28/41 and 4/25/41, have been labeled as instructed in referenced letter. None of these reports were disseminated to outside agencies by the Los Angeles Division.

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2-Bureau (REGISTERED)
2-Dallas [redacted] 1-100-436) (REGISTERED) b7D
1-Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI [redacted]

DATE: August 22, 1956

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (100-1341)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS; NEGRO RACE CONGRESS; NEGRO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS; COLORED SERVICE WORKERS LEAGUE; NEGROES AGAINST WAR COMMITTEE; NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS - C

OO: Dallas

ReBulet to Dallas 5/16/56 captioned [redacted] Former Security Informant [redacted] and re Dallas letter to the Director dated 7/18/56.

This is to advise that each communication ~~in~~ which bears information furnished by [redacted] in captioned matter, and in possession of the Minneapolis Office has been appropriately identified as being "false and should not be used or disseminated in the future."

All corrective action as set out in ReBulet has been completed in this office and this matter is being RUC'd.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Dallas [redacted] (100-436)(RM)
1 - Minneapolis

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)

DATE: 8/30/56

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C

ReMI airtel 8/21/56 which listed all communications involved in instant matter and action taken in connection with each.

By airtel 8/24/56 Cleveland Office advised that no corrective action was necessary in that office and that copies of SA [redacted] report had been flagged to prevent improper identification [redacted] b7c, D

Similar information was received by letters from Boston and New York Offices dated 8/23/56 and 8/27/56, respectively.

As recommendations have been previously made in instances where same warranted and all corrective action has been taken, this matter is being closed.

2-Bureau (61-6728)
2-Milwaukee (100-894)
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TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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DATE 6/13/79 BY SP-1 65ELKO

ReBulet 7-30-56.

This Airtel is submitted in connection with request page 3, relet, concerning failure to take proper corrective action in 1948 when error detected in [redacted] in report SA [redacted] dated 10-18-41 at Milwaukee in instant case. b7C-D

Error

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5 - Bureau (61-6728) (Air Mail - Registered)
1 - MI 100-894
1 - MI 100-8244
2 - MI 66-922
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8-22-56

TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)
FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

Reports were subsequently made at Milwaukee in four instances in which information concerning [redacted] were utilized. [redacted] b7D

Personnel Involved

Report written by SA [redacted] presently assigned Milwaukee.

Report approved by former SAC [redacted] presently assigned Kansas City. b7C

Letter transmitting report dictated by [redacted]

Explanations of Personnel

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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8-21-56

TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)
FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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PAGE FOUR

This case initiated on basis Bulet 6-8-56. Original report submitted 7-20-56. Amended pages with approved documentation submitted 8-7-56.

There was no inaccurate reporting in this case, and no administrative action necessary.

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With reference to action taken in Milwaukee, in addition to the action set forth above, [redacted] reviewed to determine whether any dissemination other than stated before was made. All pertinent communications have been flagged, in order to prevent improper identification or documentation [redacted] Where necessary, corrected pages have been substituted.

With further reference to Milwaukee letter 8-7-56, the Boston, Cleveland and New York offices were advised that indices should be reviewed and they should submit to Milwaukee an over-all list of all communications emanating from each office where corrective action would be necessary. To date no such list has been received from any of these offices. It is requested that this matter be expedited, in order that Milwaukee can comply with Buded of 9-1-56.

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Approved:_____ Sent_____M Per_____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
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8-21-56

TO : Director, FBI (61-6728)

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-894)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
IS-C

ReBulet 7-30-56 captioned as above.

In accordance with instructions, the Boston, Cleveland and New York field offices were advised by letter July 10, 1956 to review files and determine whether dissemination had been made of information furnished in second full paragraph, page 11, et sequentia, report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee, dated October 18, 1941, captioned "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-R". These offices were advised if dissemination had been made, the information should be corrected, and after corrections made communications directed to Milwaukee and Bureau reporting such corrections. b7C

Under date of August 7, 1956 amended pages for report of SA [redacted] were furnished the Bureau and pertinent offices for appropriate action. These amended pages contained approved documentation [redacted] appearing in SA [redacted] report of October 18, 1941. b7C, D

For information of Bureau, communications involved in this matter are listed immediately after, with statements as to corrective action taken.

1. Report of SA [redacted] dated 10-18-41, Milwaukee, entitled "NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS, IS-R". b7C

   Amended pages based on approved documentation submitted Bureau and interested offices by Milwaukee letter 8-7-56. Recommendation for administrative action being transmitted Bureau by separate communication under captioned heading in connection with failure to take appropriate action [redacted] b7D

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1 - Boston (Info)(Air Mail - Registered)
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1 - New York (Info)(Air Mail - Registered)
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/21/56

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, et al
IS - C
OO - Dallas

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Re San Antonio letter to Bureau 8/28/56.
Rebulet to San Antonio 9/14/56.

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau 8/28/56 and Bulet to San Antonio 9/14/56 captioned [redacted]

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In answer to inquiry of the San Antonio office, it is believed that the letter from G-2, Fort Sam Houston, 2/17/41, to the San Antonio office, which contained information about the Negro Achievement Association of America, which was set forth in San Antonio letter to Dallas 2/28/41, should also be labeled. This information was to the effect that G-2 had information from a confidential source that the Negro Achievement Association of America was being established in Dallas [redacted] Inasmuch as the Negro Achievement Association of America is a completely fictitious and non-existent organization, it is believed the name of that organization, wherever it appears, should be labeled as non-existent. Inasmuch as that organization was a product of the imagination of former Security Informant [redacted], a notation should also appear where it is so labeled to show the field office file number and serial number where details could be located concerning the false nature of [redacted] information.

b7D

Indices of the Dallas office reflect no information concerning the National Negro Achievement Association of America. It is noted that the National Negro Achievement Association of America is mentioned on pages 34 and 35 of the report of SA [redacted] San Antonio, 10/1/41, captioned, [redacted] The Dallas office has no information indicating whether or not that organization is identical with the Negro Achievement Association of America. It is possible, however, that [redacted] mentioned in relet from San Antonio to Bureau 8/28/56 captioned [redacted] obtained some of his information from former security informant [redacted]

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2 - Bureau [redacted] (RM)
2 - San Antonio (100-242, 100-473)(RM)
1 - Dallas (100-436)
1 - Dallas [redacted]
1 - Dallas (100-1188)
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Letter to Bureau - 9/21/56
From SAC, Dallas (100-436)
Re: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA, et al

In absence of instructions to the contrary, the Dallas office is not labeling information set out on pages 34 and 35 of SA [redacted] report dated 10/1/41, concerning the National Negro Achievement Association of America, as being false.

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No further action is contemplated by the Dallas office in this matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI [redacted] b7D

DATE: September 18, 1956

FROM : SAC, Memphis (65-448)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, et al
IS - C

[redacted] b7C,D
Former Security Informant
[redacted]

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Re Dallas letter to Bureau July 18, 1956 and Dallas to Memphis July 19, 1956.

A thorough review of all information furnished by [redacted] located in the files of the Memphis Division discloses that none of this information has ever been disseminated to any outside agency. b7D

Information regarding the Negro Achievement Association, et al, was set out on Page 8 of the report of SA [redacted] WILSON, dated July 16, 1941 at Memphis, entitled [redacted] Two copies of this report were sent to the Knoxville Division. However, by letter dated July 19, 1956, entitled [redacted] FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT [redacted] Knoxville was advised that this information was erroneous as set out in SA [redacted] report. b7D

No other instances were noted where information furnished by [redacted] has ever been reported by Memphis. Notations have been made on all references to information furnished by [redacted] contained in the Memphis file to the effect that such information is erroneous. The Bureau was not previously advised of this because relet of July 18, 1956 from Dallas to the Bureau and all continental offices entitled "NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, et al" was interpreted to mean that the Bureau need be advised only in such instances where dissemination was made to outside agencies.

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2- Bureau [redacted] RM
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1- Dallas [redacted]
1- Memphis (65-448)
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Mr.

SAC, San Antonio (100-473)

September 27, 1956

Director, FBI [redacted]

NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA; et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet September 14, 1956.

All action in this matter must be completed and Bureau advised not later than October 8, 1956. Mark for attention of Security Informant Desk.

2cc - Dallas [redacted] 100-436)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]M DATE: 10/5/56

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-473)

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, et al
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Rebulet to San Antonio dated 9/14/56 and Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/21/56.

Copies of report of SA [redacted] dated 3/7/41, at Dallas have been labeled in accordance with the instructions previously received.

Copies of G-2 letter dated 2/17/41, entitled, "The Negro Achievement Association of America" have also been labeled in the San Antonio Division. Houston received a copy or copies of this letter and should label their copy or copies to show that captioned organization was non-existent.

In relet Dallas advised that inasmuch as the Negro Achievement Association of America is a completely fictitious and non-existent organization, it is believed the name of that organization wherever it appears should be labeled as non-existent inasmuch as that organization was a product of the imagination of former Security Informant [redacted] A notation should also appear where it is labeled to show the field office file number and serial number where details could be located concerning the false nature of [redacted] information.

No further action is contemplated by the San Antonio Division in this matter.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - DL [redacted] 100-436) (RM)
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Atomic Energy Commission
Room 926
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Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted]

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It would be appreciated if the necessary correction is made in your records relative to the above.

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cc: 1 - Milwaukee [redacted]
1 - J. G. Kelly (Room 1704)
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NOTE: SAC, Milwaukee, Also see Bulet 7/21/56 entitled "National Negro Congress, IS-C", your file 100-894.

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NOTE: Report of SA [redacted] 10/18/41, Milwaukee, "National Negro Congress - Internal Security - R" reflected that [redacted] furnished [redacted] Administrative action being handled by Domestic Intelligence Division. A proper notation has been made in Bureau file.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
Attention: Mr. Archie D. Simpson

October 15, 1956

Director, FBI

NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] at Milwaukee dated October 10, 1941, captioned "National Negro Congress, Internal Security - R," a copy of which was furnished to the Department.

[redacted]

You may desire to correct the [illegible] of [illegible] who [illegible] this report accordingly.

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[redacted] report disseminated only to the Department. Bureau copies have been corrected and necessary administrative action handled separately and completed. All necessary corrective action being taken.

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MR. L. V. BOARDMAN October 18, 1956

MR. A. H. BELMONT

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FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

In February, 1941, Dallas Office initiated investigation of Negro Achievement Association of America (NAAA) on basis of information furnished by [redacted] Investigation was discontinued August, 1941, when [redacted] admitted he had fabricated all information re NAAA. All offices were notified of fabrications of [redacted] by Dallas report of 8-28-41. [redacted] had falsely reported numerous actual individuals as associated with NAAA and other names furnished were entirely fictitious.

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Bufile 61-6728 (National Negro Congress), in which most of false information from [redacted] was filed, is a multisection file. Although all offices had been advised of [redacted] fabrications, each serial in Bufiles and in field files was not then appropriately labeled to indicate fictitious nature of [redacted] information, resulting in unnecessary opening of Security of Government Employee cases. Administrative action was considered separately in my memorandum to you dated 5-15-56. (See addendum page 3).

Bufiles and field office files have now been properly labeled. Only remaining action is consideration as to advisability of notifying outside agencies to whom [redacted] false information was disseminated. Survey has revealed following reports containing information regarding NAAA were disseminated to Department by Bureau and/or to G-2, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, by Dallas Office:

1. Report of SA [redacted] dated 3-7-41 at Dallas (61-6728-83x) (1 copy to Department; 1 copy to G-2)

2. Report of SA [redacted] dated 3-27-41 at Dallas (61-6728-92x2) (1 copy to Department; 1 copy to G-2)

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Enclosures
1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Miles
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1 - 61-6728 (National Negro Congress)

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3. Report of SA [redacted] dated 4-25-41 at Dallas (61-6728-101x) (2 copies to G-2)

4. Report of SA [redacted] dated 5-28-41 at Dallas (61-6728-132) (2 copies to G-2) b7c

5. Report of SA [redacted] dated 6-11-41 at Kansas City (61-6728-134) (1 copy to Department) b7c (This report carried NAAA in title and investigation was predicated upon information of [redacted] but report actually contains no information supplied by [redacted] other than title.) b7D

6. Report of SA [redacted] dated 6-20-41 at Dallas (61-6728-136) (2 copies to G-2) b7c

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That attached letter be sent to Department calling attention to fictitious nature of information furnished by [redacted] as contained in the three reports furnished to the Department. b7D

2. That attachd letter be sent to Dallas instructing similar action with regard to reports furnished to G-2, Fort Sam Houston by that office.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

ADDENDUM: October 19, 1956

Corrective action initiated by Bulet to Dallas 5/16/56. Dallas had numerous files to review and wrote letters to all offices in continental United States, instructing files be labelled. All offices in United States had to review files and advise Bureau results. Questions were raised by some of these offices, such as (1) one office was unable to locate the reports containing [redacted] information and a further search was instructed by Bureau resulting in eventual location of reports; (2) one office (San Antonio) believed some information allegedly reported by [redacted] actually came from another former informant, [redacted] necessitating considerable correspondence between Bureau, San Antonio and Dallas. The final action was completed by San Antonio letter of 10/5/56, received at Bureau 10/8/56, and by Internal Security Section 10/9/56. This San Antonio letter raised point as to possible corrective action regarding former security informant [redacted] Numerous Bufiles had to be reviewed in that connection and reply to San Antonio is in dictation.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
Attention: Mr. Archie D. Simpson
Director, FBI

October 19, 1956

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~~NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA~~
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In February, 1941, the Dallas Office of this Bureau initiated an investigation of the above organization on the basis of information furnished by one [redacted] It was then believed that this organization was affiliated with the National Negro Congress, designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. It has been determined that all the information furnished by [redacted] concerning the Negro Achievement Association of America was fabricated by him and was entirely fictitious. Some of the names supplied by [redacted] as being members of this organization, however, were names of actual persons, although it has been determined that the affiliation of these persons with the Negro Achievement Association of America existed only in the imagination of [redacted]

The following reports, captioned as above, were furnished to the Department:

1. Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 7, 1941 at Dallas, Texas. This entire report is composed of fictitious information furnished by [redacted]

2. Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 27, 1941 at Dallas, Texas. This entire report is composed of fictitious information furnished by [redacted]

3. Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 11, 1941 at Kansas City, Missouri. The investigation reported in this report was predicated upon false information furnished by [redacted] but contains no information furnished by him except the name of the organization carried in the title.

You may desire to make appropriate notations on the copies of the above reports which were furnished to the Department.

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See Memo Belmont to Boardman dated 10-18-56: RJM:fjb; captioned [redacted] Former Security Informant.

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SAC, Dallas [redacted] (100-436) October 19, 1956

Director, FBI (61-6728)

NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to previous communications between your office and the Bureau concerning the fictitious information furnished your office by [redacted] in 1941 regarding [redacted] captioned organization.

It is noted that copies of the reports of SA [redacted] dated 3-7-41, 3-27-41, 4-25-41, 5-28-41 and 6-20-41, all made at Dallas concerning above organization and containing fictitious information furnished by [redacted] were furnished to G-2, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, by your office.

You are instructed to advise the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, of the fictitious nature of the information furnished by [redacted] as contained in the reports mentioned above. This should be done in writing and particular attention should be called to the exact portions of the reports containing the fictitious information. It should be suggested that appropriate notations be made on the reports furnished Fort Sam Houston. Advise Bureau when this has been done.

1 - Bufile [redacted]

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See memo Belmont to Boardman dated 10-18-56; RJM:fjb; captioned [redacted] Former Security Informant

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/27/56

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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Rebulet to Dallas 10/19/56.

A letter has been directed to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as instructed in relet, advising that office of the false and fictitious information furnished in 1941 by [redacted] which was set forth in the five reports identified in relet. That office was informed of the exact portions of the reports containing the fictitious information, and a request was made that copies in possession of that agency be labeled in such a manner that a person reviewing those reports could readily observe that the information furnished by [redacted] was false.

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1 - Dallas [redacted]

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The Attorney General

September 23, 1957

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I want to advise you of the fact that on September 20, 1957, Governor Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas received a letter postmarked 12:30 a.m., Grand Central Station, New York 17, New York, September 19, 1957. This letter which was signed [redacted] bore the typed letterhead "National Negro Congress of U. S. A., Supreme Headquarters, Inc., 521 5th Avenue, N. Y."

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The letter is quoted as follows:

"Sir: National Negro Congress assembled in full plenary convention extraordinary informs you that you have this day been tried in absentia and condemned to death for your crimes against the glorious Negro race.

"We have sent our secret orders to all members and sympathizers of our society in your miserable tenth rate state to start a revolt, and to capture you alive. You will then be tarred and feathered and strung up to the nearest tree until you are daid. After that, you will be drawn and quartered and your rotten carcass thrown to the dogs. That will be the end of you, you no good white s__ o_ a b__

"The glorious negro race has suffered long enough at the hands of you white bastards. Now your time has come and you will not live to see integration in your lousy state."

It is noted that the files of this Bureau indicate that similar identically worded letters were forwarded to the Governors of Mississippi, Georgia, and Virginia and the State Attorney General of Virginia commencing in 1954. The most recent letter was sent to Governor Stanley of Virginia on April 16, 1957.

cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Parsons

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Investigation has indicated that the National Negro Congress is no longer in existence. Extensive investigation has failed to identify the sender of these letters and interested United States Attorneys have declined prosecution in the past stating that the threatening letters, in their opinions, were written by a crank.

On September 20, 1957, the afore-mentioned facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney Walter G. Riddick, in the absence of United States Attorney Cara Cobb. Mr. Riddick declined prosecution stating that the letter apparently had been written by a crank.

The afore-mentioned facts were also presented to Assistant United States Attorney Silvio J. Mollo, Southern District of New York, on September 21, 1957. Mr. Mollo declined prosecution stating that the letter was obviously prepared by a crank.

On September 21, 1957, Mr. William J. Smith, attorney for Governor Faubus, was advised of the afore-mentioned facts and that the United States Attorneys in Little Rock and New York City had declined prosecution stating that in their opinions the letters were apparently written by a crank. Mr. Smith was also advised that the FBI Laboratory will examine the letter addressed to Governor Faubus and compare it with other similar correspondence in an effort to identify the sender.

On September 22, 1957, United States Attorney Cara Cobb advised that he has personally considered this matter and decided that he would authorize prosecution in this instance in the event the subject is identified and is not confined to a mental institution.

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The Attorney General

Mr. William J. Smith, attorney for Governor Faubus, has been advised of the views of United States Attorney Cobb as furnished on September 22, 1957.

This aspect is receiving attention and you will be furnished any pertinent information.

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

cc Assistant Attorney General
George Cochran Doub

Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
- Mr. C. A. Evans
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rampton

February 3, 1961

Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In accordance with your request today the following information is being furnished concerning the National Negro Congress.

The National Negro Congress, as it was to become known, was proposed at a national conference held in Washington, D. C., in May, 1935. The main purpose of the organization was to unite all organizations and persons of whatever race who were willing to fight for economic and social justice for Negroes. James W. Ford, a prominent Negro communist, in addressing the November, 1935, plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party declared that the Communist Party endorsed the National Negro Congress.

The first National Negro Congress convened in Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1936. This Congress was attended by 767 delegates representing 551 civic, fraternal, trade-union, et cetera, organizations. Among the speakers at this Congress were James W. Ford and Max Yergan. Yergan later admitted his past Communist Party membership. The second National Negro Congress was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in October, 1937, and was addressed by James W. Ford and also prominent communists Clarence Hathaway and William L. Patterson, who are presently Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the New York District, Communist Party, USA, respectively. At the third National Negro Congress held in Washington, D. C., in April, 1940, a split occurred

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between the communist and noncommunist forces within the Congress. A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, who was the first president of the Congress and who refused to be a candidate for the presidency at the third Congress, issued a statement on May 5, 1940, that the Congress was "deliberately packed with communists and C.I.O. members who were either communists or sympathizers with communists." Randolph was succeeded as president of the Congress by Max Yergan who had been identified at that time as a Communist Party member.

The Congress continued as a mass membership organization until 1942 and the number of chapters and subordinate bodies of the organization decreased thereafter. The primary function of these chapters had been to distribute communist-type propaganda among the Negro communities in which they were organized.

In July, 1947, the National Board of the Communist Party, USA, in recognizing the failure of the National Negro Congress to organize the Negro people, agreed to gradually dissolve the Congress because of this failure. Thereafter, in November, 1947, it ceased to exist.

The National Negro Congress has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE ON YELLOW: This request was telephonically received from the White House on February 3, 1961.

Delivered by C.A. Evans
Date 2-6-61